

**Before the
FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20554**

In the Matter of)	
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Service Rules for Advanced Wireless)	WT Docket No. 07-195
Services in the 2155-2175 MHz Band)	

To the Commission:

**REPLY COMMENTS OF THE
MOST REVEREND PAUL S. LOVERDE – BISHOP OF ARLINGTON**

During my 40 years of ministry as a Catholic priest, few developments in our culture have caused me greater distress than the harm done to families and individuals by the spread of pornography on the Internet. To address the growing epidemic of pornography in our society, I published a Pastoral Letter entitled "*Bought with a Price*"¹ which brings into sharp focus the growing devastation caused by pornography.

I know that this is an area of concern to all the Members of the Federal Communications Commission, and I hope that our shared concern can lead to progress in technological solutions to protect families against the devastating effects of pornography. I write to urge the adoption of service rules in this proceeding that will ensure that the American public finally has the option of a free, family-friendly broadband service.

¹ <http://www.arlingtondiocese.org/offices/communications/boughtprice.html>

Support for this service has already been well articulated in the Record by the December 14 filings of both the Family Research Council (FRC) and M2Z Networks, Inc. These commenters speak for a broad community of Americans who share my concern that the government could be doing more to fight the epidemic of Internet pornography in the United States.

In my estimation, the best solutions available to families now are network level filters that block pornographic content before it ever reaches a user's computer. As noted by the FRC, instituting a service that incorporates such a filter is consistent with the Congressional directive urging the promotion of technologies that help parents restrict their children's access to objectionable or inappropriate online material through filtering and blocking. Moreover, integrating such a filter will help families protect themselves from Internet pornography regardless of their individual technological skills. Furthermore, this service will offer the great educational benefits of the Internet to families in a much safer way than is currently available.

In this docket, the Commission has an important opportunity to provide families throughout America with a free, family friendly broadband service that will be available without cost to all Americans regardless of economic or ethnic considerations. That is why I encourage the Commission to adopt service rules that will ensure that the winning bidder for this fallow spectrum will be required to provide a free, family-friendly nationwide broadband service that will protect children from harmful online materials.

Americans deserve a pornography-free broadband option. And you, the Members of the FCC, are in a unique position to make this public service a reality. I urge you to seize this opportunity.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Paul S. Loverde". The signature is written in a cursive style with a cross at the beginning.

Most Reverend Paul S. Loverde
Bishop of Arlington

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